Suspicious Person Complaint Leads to Robbery Arrest

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Newark, DE- Delaware State Police have arrested a Newark man in connection with the robbery of an area restaurant that occurred last weekend.

On Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at approximately 12:10 p.m., troopers were told to respond to the McDonald's Restaurant located at 4625 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, in reference to a suspicious male subject who was loitering inside. As troopers were responding, they were advised that that the male subject matched the description of a suspect who had committed the robbery of the McDonald's located at 4160 Ogletown-Stanton Road, Newark, on June 12, 2016 at approximately 7:58 p.m. In that incident a male suspect entered the McDonald's and responded behind the sales counter. He then pushed an employee away from a cash register and proceeded to remove an undisclosed amount of money from inside. The suspect, later identified as Michael S. Berwick, 25, of Newark, then fled in an unknown direction. At the time of the robbery, Berwick was wearing a gray t-shirt under a gray and green jacket, green camouflage shorts, and white and black sneakers.

As troopers arrived at the McDonald's on Wednesday, they observed Berwick standing in the parking lot. As the troopers approached him, he fled but was apprehended after a short foot pursuit. Troopers noticed that Berwick was wearing the same clothes he had been wearing during the robbery which had occurred on June 12th.

Michael Berwick was arrested and transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with Robbery 2^{nd} Degree. It was also discovered

that he had outstanding warrants issued by Delaware State Police for Resisting Arrest, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was also wanted by the New Castle County Police Department for Burglary and related charges, as well as by JP Court 11 for an active capias. Berwick was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution for lack of \$8875.00 secured and \$160.00 cash bond.

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